

## Safety Teams

The safety team is comprised of key safety stakeholders to address the immediate needs of the SAU, versus the emergency operations planning team that plans for potential emergencies through the creation or annual update of an all-hazard emergency operations plan that is supported by leadership and includes functional needs of the whole community. The safety team will be designated by the SAU, and will meet on a weekly or monthly basis, based on current needs. The purpose of the team is to bring safety stakeholders together to enhance communication, discuss obstacles that arise with safety and security, work collectively to prioritize threats and hazards, and come up with a detailed plan to navigate the issues while supporting each school within the SAU.

The safety team, or subcommittee, could also be tasked to review building access and egress control measures, visibility around the exterior of the building, structural integrity of the building, compliance with applicable architectural standards for individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, and emergency vehicle access.

The safety team should also participate in tabletop exercises. Tabletop exercises are small-group discussions that walk through a scenario and the courses of action a school will need to take before, during, and after an emergency to lessen the impact on the school community. This activity helps assess the plan and resources and facilitates an understanding of emergency.

### Safety Stakeholders may include:

- Principals/VP
- Technical Center Director
- Superintendent office rep.
- School Resource Officer
- Law Enforcement from respective towns
- Fire Department from respective towns
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Adult Ed
- Athletic Director
- Food Service
- Maintenance/Custodian
- Parent representative
- Student representative
- School nurse
- Transportation
- Juvenile Community Corrections Officer (JCCO)
- Social workers
- School board representative

### Examples of topics of discussion:

Safety & Security issues with each school:

- Barriers
- Propane
- Intercom
- Radio communication
- Surveillance, to include monitors
- Key Cards/Keys
- Elevators
- Signage (no trespassing, parking lot, etc.)
- Parking lot
- Parent drop off
- Bus lanes
- Grants
- Fencing
- Speeding
- Adult Ed
- Door & window numbering
- Site assessments